

## 20 Raka'at Taraweeh

### The practice of the Sahabah, Tabi'een, Taba' Tabi'een And the consensus of the ENTIRE Muslim Ummat

#### 20 Raka'at Taraweeh performed during the Khilaafat of Sayyiduna Umar

Saa'ib bin Yazeed says: "During the reign of Sayyiduna Umar (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) the Muslims used to perform **20 Raka'at of Taraweeh Salaah** in the month of Ramadhaan." (Ja'diyyaat lil baghawi 2825)

This Hadeeth has been **rigorously authenticated** by Imaam Nawawi, Allamah Taqiyyuddeen Subki, Ibnul Mulaqqin, Ibnul 'Iraaqi, Allamah 'Aynee and other great Imaams of Hadeeth. (الخلاصة 1/576، المجموع 4/32، شرح المنهاج - الحاوي للفتاوى 1/35 - البدر المنيّر 4/349، طرح الثريب 3/97، عمدة القاري 7/178 و غيرهم)

Yazeed bin Rumaan says: "During the Khilaafat of Umar (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) the Muslims used to perform **23 Raka'at** (20 Taraweeh + 3 witr) in Ramadhaan." (Mu'atta Imam Maalik 259)

Yayha bin Sa'eed says: "Umar (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) ordered one person to lead the Muslims in Taraweeh and to perform **20 Raka'at**." (musannaf ibn abi shaybah 7764)

Ubayy bin Ka'b (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) says: "Umar (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) ordered me to lead the Muslims in Taraweeh Salaah. I performed **20 Raka'at**." (Authentic-al-Mukhtaarah - dhiyaa al-Maqdisi 1161)

#### 20 Raka'at Taraweeh performed during the Khilaafat of Sayyiduna Ali

Abu Abdurrahmaan as-Sulami says: "Ali (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) called various Ulema who were proficient in the recitation of the Qur'aan and he ordered one of them to lead the Muslims in **20 Raka'at of Taraweeh**. Sayyiduna Ali (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) himself used to lead the Witr Salah." (As-Sunanul Kubra - bayhaqi 2/496)

#### 20 Raka'at Taraweeh performed by other Sahaabah

Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mas'ud (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) in **Kufah** Zayd bin Wahb says: "Abdullah bin Mas'ud used to lead us in Taraweeh Salaah." A'mash added: "He used to read **20 Rak'at Taraweeh** and 3 Witr." (Umdatul Qaari 11/127)

Sayyiduna Ubayy bin Ka'b (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) in **Madeenah Munawwarah** Abdul Aziz bin Rufay' says: "Ubay bin Ka'b used to lead the Taraweeh Salaah in Madeenah Munawwarah; **20 Raka'at of Taraweeh** and 3 Witr." (Musannaf ibn Abi Shaybah 7766)

#### 20 Raka'at Taraweeh performed by the Taabi'een and Taba' Taabi'een

##### In Makkah Mukarramah:

A'taa bin Abi Rabaah (d. 114A.H.), a Tabi'ee, was the Mufti of Makkah Mukarramah. He says regarding the practice of the people of his era (the Sahabah and Tabi'een) in Makkah Mukarramah: "I found the people performing 23 Raka'at." (**20 Taraweeh** + 3 Witr) (Musannaf ibn Abi Shaybah 7770)

Imam Shafi'ee (rahmatullaahi 'alayh) (d. 204 A.H.) says: "I found the people of Makkah Mukarramah performing **20 Raka'at** of Taraweeh Salaah." (Sunan Tirmidhi 1/166)

##### In Madeenah Munawwarah:

Ibn Abi Mulaykah (rahmatullaahi 'alayh) was a Taabi'ee in Madeenah Munawwarah who met at least 30 Sahabah. He passed away in 117 A.H.

##### Madrasatul Uloomish Shar'iyyah - Actonville - Benoni

Naafi' bin Umar says: "Ibn Abi Mulaykah used to be our Imaam in Taraweeh. He used to perform **20 Raka'at** and in each Rak'at he used to recite as long as Surah Faatir (which equals to ±6 paras a night!) (Musannaf ibn Abi Shaybah 7765 bisanad saheeh-aathaarus sunan pg.254-rigorously authenticated)

##### In Kufah

Suwayd bin Ghafalah (rahmatullaahi 'alayh) (d. 80 A.H.) just missed being a Sahabi. He reached Madeenah Munawwarah the day Rasulullah (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) was buried. Afterwards he settled in **Kufah**. He used to lead the Muslims in Taraweeh Salaah, performing all **20 Raka'at** himself, even when he reached the ripe old age of 120! (musannaf ibn abi shaybah 7784; As-sunanul kubraa 2/496; Bukhari in Tareekh Kabeeer-kuna 234)

Haarith, who was a student of Ali (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) in **Kufah**, used to lead the Muslims in Taraweeh Salaah; **20 Raka'at Taraweeh** and 3 Witr. He used to recite the Dua-e-Qunoot before going into Rukoo'. (Musannaf ibn Abi Shaybah 7767)

Abul Bakhtaree (rahmatullaahi 'alayh) was one of the senior companions of Ali (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) in **Kufah**. He passed away in **83 A.H.** Rabee' says: "Abul Bakhtaree used to perform **20 Raka'at Taraweeh** and 3 Witr." (Musannaf ibn Abi Shaybah 7776)

Shutayr bin Shakal was a senior Taabi'ee and also a student of Ali and Ibn Mas'ud (radhiyallaahu 'anhuma) in **Kufah**. Abdullah bin Qays says: "Shutayr used to perform **20 Raka'at of Taraweeh Salaah**." (Musannaf ibn Abi Shaybah 7762)

Ali bin Rabee'ah (rahmatullaahi 'alayh) was a Tabi'ee in **Kufah** who narrated Hadeeth from Sahabah like Ali, Ibn Umar, Samurah, Salmaan Faarsi, Mugheerah (radhiyallaahu 'anhum).

Sa'eed bin Ubayd says that Ali bin Rabee'ah was their Imaam in Taraweeh. He used to read **20 Raka'at Taraweeh** and 3 Witr. (Musannaf ibn Abi Shaybah 7772)

Ibraheem Nakha'ee (rahmatullaahi 'alayh), a Tabi'ee (d. 96 A.H.) was one of the great Ulema of **Kufah**.

Imam Abu Haneefah (rahmatullaahi 'alayh), also a Taabi'ee in Kufah, narrates from his Ustadh Hammaad the statement of Ibraheem Nakha'ee regarding the Muslims of his era (the Sahabah and Tabi'een): "The Muslims used to read **20 Raka'at of Taraweeh** in Ramadhaan." (Al-aathaar-imam abu yusuf -211)

Sufyaan Thowri (rahmatullaahi 'alayh), the great Imaam of Hadeeth in Kufah, (d. 161 A.H.) used to perform **20 Raka'at** Taraweeh. (Sunan Tirmidhi 1/166)

##### In Basrah

Hadhrat Hasan Basri (rahmatullaahi 'alayh), (d. 110 A.H.) the famous Tabi'ee who is known for his vast knowledge and piety, says regarding the practice of the people of his era (the Sahabah and Tabi'een) in Basrah: "The Muslims used to read **20 Raka'at Taraweeh** in Ramadhaan." (Fadhaail Ramadhaan-ibn Abi Dunya 53)

Yunus says: "Before the year 81 A.H. I saw: Abdur Rahman (d. 96 A.H.), the son of the famous Sahabi Abu Bakrah (radhiyallaahu 'anhu) Sa'eed bin Abil Hasan (d. 100 A.H.), the brother of Hasan Basri (rahmatullaahi 'alayh) Imraan al-'Abdi; all 3 were Imaams in Basrah, they used to perform **20 Raka'at**, and they used to make 2 'khatms' of the Qur'aan Shareef in Taraweeh." (Fadhaail Ramadhaan-ibn Abi Dunya 50)

#### Consensus of the Ulama and Fuqahaa on 20 Raka'at

"(20 raka'at Taraweeh) is the correct, established amount narrated from the Sahabi, Hadhrat Ubayy bin Ka'b, with the **consensus of the Sahabah**." (ibn abdil barr-istidhkaar 5/157)

Among the Ulama who have quoted **IJMAA' (CONSENSUS) on 20 Raka'at** are: Ibn Abdil Barr **Maaliki**, Taqiyyuddeen Subki **Shaafi'ee**, Ibnul Iraaqi **Shaafi'ee**, Ibn Qudaamah **Hambali**, Allamah 'Aynee **Hanafi**.